

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: couch04

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Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Waitakere District Court

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 28 February 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file depicts a nude teenage boy who is strongly sexualised by the way he has been photographed to focus the viewer's attention on his immature physical and sexual development. The image is classified as objectionable because it exploits the nudity of young persons to such a degree that its availability is likely to be injurious to the public good. An objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but is a reasonable limitation on that right in order to prevent injury to the public good.